



Common questions about ISTEP+

What is ISTEP+?

- The Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress-Plus (or ISTEP+) measures what students know and are able to do at each grade level in core academic subjects.
- Based on Indiana's Academic Standards, ISTEP+ provides a learning check-up designed to make sure students are on track and to signal whether they need extra help.

When is ISTEP+?

- For the 2008-2009 school year only, students will take ISTEP+ both in the fall and the spring. After this year, the test will be taken only in the spring.
- The fall test will be given in September. The testing window is September 15-26. Check with your school for local test dates within this window.
- The spring tests will be given in two parts. Part one, which includes essay and short answer questions, will be given from March 2-11. Part two, which includes multiple choice questions, will be given from April 27 to May 6. Check with your school for local test dates within this window.

What's on the ISTEP+?

Fall test

Based on Indiana's Academic Standards, the fall ISTEP+ covers:

- English/language arts in grades 3-8
- Mathematics in grades 3-8
- Science in grades 5 and 7

Spring test

Based on Indiana's Academic Standards, the spring ISTEP+ covers:

- English/language arts in grades 3-8
- Mathematics in grades 3-8
- Science in grades 4 and 6
- Social studies in grades 5 and 7

How long does ISTEP+ take?

- The test takes between 4.5 to 6.5 hours depending on the grade level.
- Generally, the test is administered over three mornings.

What results should I expect to receive?

- Every student tested receives a comprehensive individual *Student Report* showing student performance in terms of Pass+, Pass or Did Not Pass.
- Families of students in all tested grade levels will have access to a copy of the student's short answer and essay responses. Contact your local school for more information.

When should I expect to receive the results?

- Results for the fall 2008 ISTEP+ will be released in late November.
- The results for the spring 2009 ISTEP+ will be released in August. Results for each year thereafter will be available to students, parents and educators before the end of the school year.

What if I don't pass?

- Students who do not pass ISTEP+ are entitled to extra help and instructional time to address any areas of need.
- Ask your teacher and guidance counselors about extra help in areas that you didn't pass.

What if I have special needs?

- Several testing accommodations are available for students with disabilities or limited English proficiency, such as additional time and changes in test scheduling, format and setting.
- Talk to your parents and guidance counselors about the specific accommodations in your Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan or Individual Learning Program (ILP).

What if I have more questions about ISTEP+?

- Talk to teachers and counselors at your school.
- Visit www.doe.in.gov/istep or call 1-888-54-ISTEP.
- Visit www.learnmoreindiana.org or call 1-800-992-2076.